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Cal/EPA Announces 1999 Award Winners

Sacramento -- Dr. Bill Vance, Special Assistant to the California Secretary for Environmental Protection, will present the 1999 Cal/EPA Household Hazardous Waste/Used Oil Program Awards on Thursday, May 20, 1999 during the 4th Annual Statewide Household Hazardous Waste Conference held at the Granlibakken Conference Center in Tahoe City, May 19-21.

“These awards recognize the innovations by cities, counties and private industry in continuous efforts to inform and educate small business and households on the economic and environmental values of recycling, and the proper disposal of household hazardous waste,” said Winston Hickox, Cal / EPA Secretary.

The conference and statewide award competition are sponsored by Cal/EPA. Lead co-sponsors are the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and the Integrated Waste Management Board (IWMB). Co-sponsors also include the Air Resources Board, the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, the Department of Pesticide Regulation, and the State Water Resources Control Board.

DTSC provides assistance to local entities to establish household hazardous waste programs and regulates the disposal of used oil and household hazardous waste. The IWMB, provides financial assistance to local entities through several grant programs and through partnerships with local government, industry and the public. The IWMB seeks to achieve a 50 percent reduction in waste disposed of by the year 2000.

The awards include Outstanding Personal Service, Best New Program, Program Excellence, Outstanding Rural Program, and Program Innovation. The Awards Committee selected 12 winners and three honorable mentions.

“This year’s award winners deserve recognition and praise for their efforts,” said Ed Lowry, DTSC Director. “These programs are an example of what can be done by communities and business in an effort to effectively manage hazardous waste.”

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Winners of the Awards include:

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| Outstanding Personal Service | Brian Johnson City of Santa Monica Contact: Brian Johnson (310) 458-8228 |
| Best New Program | City of Fremont “High School Auto Shop Program” Contact: Marsha Bradford (510) 494-4742 Roopal Mayor (510) 713-1830 |
| *Honorable Mention | Toxic Taxi Contact: Peter Blake (707) 824-1039 |
| Program Excellence | El Dorado County “Lake Tahoe Used Oil Marina Program” Contact: Gerri Silva (530) 621-6653 |
| Program Excellence | City of Rancho Cucamonga Environmental Learning Center Contact: Bob Zetterberg (909) 477-2740, x2320 |
| *Honorable Mention | Santa Monica Bay Restoration Project “Boater Education & Community Outreach Campaign” Contact: Carrie Katsumata (213) 576-6645 |
| Program Innovation | City of Sunnyvale Multi-family Oil Recycling Program Contact: Rich Gurney (408) 730-7484 |
| *Honorable Mention | Mendocino Solid Waste Management Authority “HHW from Appliances” Contact: Bruce Burton (707) 459-4549 |
| Outstanding Rural Program | Hollister Disposal Permanent HHW Collection Facility Contact: Nathan Pierce (831) 636-4170 |
| Smaller Is Better | Glenn County Used Oil Recycling Program Contact: Gerry de Roco (530) 934-6530 |

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Togetherness Award

El Dorado County
“Lake Tahoe Used Oil Marina Program”
Contact: Gerri Silva (530) 621-6653

Pickled Skunk Brains

“Exhibit #1”
San Joaquin County
Contact: Alison Hudson (209) 468-3066

Picric Acid

“Crystallized WHAT???”
City of Rancho Cucamonga
Contact: Bob Zetterberg (909) 477-2740,
x2320

Strange Occurrence

“The Dog Ate My...”
City of Simi Valley
Contact: Vijit Singh (805) 583-6782

Picturesque

“Money Talks, HHW Walks”
Safety-Kleen Corp.
Contact: Laura Tamayo (619) 547-3117

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DTSC is one of six boards and Departments within the California Environmental Protection Agency. DTSC’s mission is to protect and enhance public health and the environment by regulating the management of hazardous waste and promoting reduction.